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REMARKS


Claims 26, 27, and 30-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 27 and 30-42 are canceled herein without prejudice. Therefore, in light of these amendments and the following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims to issue.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 26 and 43 are allowed.

No additional fee is believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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